

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 15 (Cancelled)

Claims 16 (Currently Amended): A method for lowering the adhesion of a trehalose solution, comprising a step of, when concentrating the trehalose solution~~concentrated~~ by heating, either ~~controlling heating said trehalose solution~~ to a temperature of at least 165°C or higher to reduce the moisture content of said trehalose solution to a level of not higher than about ~~8.3~~ 2.4 w/w % ~~in the presence of, or~~ incorporating into said trehalose solution a substance capable of lowering the adhesion of said trehalose solution, ~~or~~ ~~controlling the moisture content of said trehalose solution to~~ ~~a level of not higher than about 2.4 w/w % in the absence of~~ ~~said substance~~ selected from the group consisting of lipids, carbohydrates, saccharides, polyalcohols, and emulsifiers.

Claims 17 - 18 (Cancelled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 16, wherein said substance ~~capable of lowering the adhesion of~~ ~~said trehalose solution is allowed to coexist~~ is incorporated

into said trehalose solution in an amount of less than 40 w/w % to said trehalose, on a dry solid basis.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A thermoplastic shaped-body of trehalose in a fiber or cotton-like form, having a trehalose content of 60 w/w % or higher, on a dry solid basis, ~~which is obtainable by forming the shaping a~~ trehalose solution whose adhesion has been lowered by the method of any one of ~~claim 16~~ claims 16, 19 or 22.

Claim 21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22 (New): The method of claim 16, wherein said trehalose solution is prepared by melting hydrous crystalline trehalose or anhydrous crystalline trehalose under heating conditions, or by concentrating an aqueous trehalose solution under heating conditions.

Claim 22 (New): A food product obtained by incorporating the thermoplastic shaped body of trehalose according to claim 20 into a food product.